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Our Case No. 9281/3989
Client Reference No. N US00070

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
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Yoshihiro Kanada et al.	)
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	) Examiner: C. Renner
Serial No.: 09/851,776	)
	) Group Art Unit No.: 2652
Filing Date: May 9, 2001	)
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For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having	)
Magnetic Gap Formed of NiP	)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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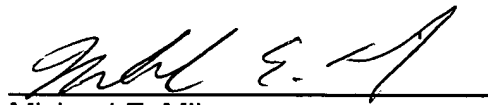P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, in the above-referenced case, Applicant elects to prosecute Invention II, drawn to a method for making a thin-film magnetic head. As set forth on page 2 of the Office Action, the claims directed to this invention are claims 3-6.

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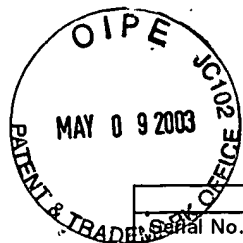
In the Claims:

Please cancel non-elected claims 1-2.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281/3989
Serial No. 09/851,776	Filing Date May 9, 2001	Examiner C. Renner	Group Art Unit 2652
Inventor(s) Yoshihiro Kanada et al.			
Title of Invention THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING MAGNETIC GAP FORMED OF NiP			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is <u>Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Amendment and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement; postcard evidencing receipt of same.</u>

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27.

☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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